



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE,
P.L.C.
801 GRAND AVENUE
SUITE 3200
DES MOINES, IA 50309-2721

Appeal No: 2006-2587
 Appellant: James N. Bates et al.
 Application No: 09/879,710
 Hearing Room: A
 Hearing Docket: A
 Hearing Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2006
 Hearing Time: 01:00 PM
 Location: Madison Building - East Wing
 600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

MAILED

AUG 28 2006

 PAT. & T.M. OFFICE
 BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
 AND INTERFERENCES

NOTICE OF HEARING
CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47. The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced. If there are any inquiries, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 571-272-9797.

The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

CONFIRMATION OR WAIVER OF THE HEARING IS REQUIRED. This form must be completed below and facsimile transmitted to both: (1) the USPTO Central fax number (official copy), and (2) the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences fax number (courtesy copy) within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice indicating confirmation or waiver of the hearing. A copy of this notice may be alternately filed by mail if facsimile is not available.

BPAI HEARINGS FAX No: (571) 273-0299

USPTO Central Fax No: (571) 273-8300

BPAI Mailing Address:

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 P.O. BOX 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

In all communications relating to this appeal, please identify the appeal by its number.

CHECK ONE: HEARING ATTENDANCE CONFIRMED HEARING ATTENDANCE WAIVED

[Signature]
 Signature of Attorney/Agent/Appellant

9/12/06 39 705
 Date Registration No.

Names of other visitors expected to accompany counsel:
 For information on visitor access to hearing rooms and security procedures at the USPTO Alexandria Campus, see
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/counsel/contact.htm#bnsi_contacts

RECEIVED

SEP 12 2006

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
 BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
 AND INTERFERENCES

MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, PLC
~~MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, PLC~~

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

801 GRAND AVENUE • SUITE 3200 • DES MOINES, IA 50309-2721
PHONE: 515-288-3667 • FAX: 515-288-1338 • www.ipmvs.com

DATE: September 12, 2006

TO: BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND
INTERFERENCES

COMPANY: USPTO, BPAI

PHONE:

FAX: 571-273-0299 and 571-273-8300

FROM: WENDY K. MARSH

RECEIVED

SEP 12 2006

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

NUMBER OF PAGES (Including cover): 2

Please file the attached signed NOTICE OF HEARING CONFIRMATION -
HEARING ATTENDANCE CONFIRMED - Hearing = Tuesday, October 17,
2006, 1:00 p.m..

APPELLANT : BATES, James N. et al.
SERIAL NO : 09/879,710
FILED : June 12, 2001
TITLE : S-METHYLCYSTEINE, S-ETHYLCYSTEINE, AND
RELATED S-ALKYLTHIOLS AS ANTAGONISTS TO
THE EFFECTS OF S-NITROSOTHIOLS AND NITRIC
OXIDE

Grp./A.U. : 1654
Conf. No. : 3776
Docket No. : P04852US0

THE DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET CONTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE
LAW FIRM OF MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE WHICH MAY BE CONFIDENTIAL AND/OR LEGALLY PRIVILEGED. THE
DOCUMENTS ARE INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE ADDRESSEE IDENTIFIED
ABOVE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OR AN AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THESE DOCUMENTS
TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY REVIEW, DISCLOSURE, COPYING, DISTRIBUTION
OR THE TAKING OF ANY ACTION IN RELIANCE ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS TRANSMITTED INFORMATION IS STRICTLY
PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS FACSIMILE IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS FIRM SO
THAT WE CAN ARRANGE FOR THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO US. THANK YOU.